

## **Books on grief after a homicide**

### **BREAKING THE SILENCE: A GUIDE TO HELP CHILDREN WITH COMPLICATED GRIEF**

**Linda Goldman**

This book provides specific ideas and techniques to work with children in various areas of complicated grief.

### **THE FORGIVING PLACE: CHOOSING PEACE AFTER VIOLENT TRAUMA**

**Richard R. Gayton**

The author's wife was murdered in their home during a robbery. This book concentrates on handling the emotional legacy of intentional violence.

### **JUST US: OVERCOMING AND UNDERSTANDING HOMICIDAL LOSS AND GRIEF**

**Wanda Henry-Jenkins**

Rev. Wanda Henry-Jenkins wrote this book following the murder of her mother. Wanda identifies three different cycles of mourning when someone you love is murdered: Crisis, Conflict and Commencement.

### **HARD WORK JOURNAL: A GUIDED WORKBOOK FOR COPING WITH HOMICIDAL LOSS AND GRIEF**

**Wanda Henry-Jenkins**

This is a companion workbook to Just Us for anyone who has had a family member who is murdered.

### **HOMICIDE SURVIVORS**

**Judie Beholz**

This book documents the trauma and loss faced after the murder of a loved one.

### **NO TIME FOR GOODBYES**

**Janice Harris Lord**

This book is filled with insight and usable advice on how to cope with sorrow, anger and injustice after a tragic death.

### **SURVIVING: WHEN SOMEONE YOU LOVE WAS MURDERED**

**Lula M. Redmond**

A professional's guide to group grief therapy for families and friends of murder victims.

### **WHAT TO DO WHEN THE POLICE LEAVE**

**Bill Jenkins**

A book filled with factual guidance vital to families suffering a traumatic loss.

### **WHEN A CHILD HAS BEEN MURDERED: WAYS YOU CAN HELP THE GRIEVING PARENTS**

**Bonnie Hunt Conrad**

A resource for those suffering the homicide of a child or supporting an adult whose child has been murdered.

### **WHEN FATHER KILLS MOTHER: GUIDING CHILDREN THROUGH TRAUMA AND GRIEF**

**D. Black, J. Hendricks, T. Kaplan**

Written with a professional audience in mind, the authors share their experiences of treating children who are grieving due to the death of one parent at the hands of the other.

### **WHO LIVES HAPPILY EVER AFTER: FOR FAMILIES WHOSE CHILD HAS DIED VIOLENTLY**

**Sharon Turnbull**

The author explores a range of emotions, the media and legal systems following the violent death of a child.

### **HOMICIDE SURVIVORS: MISUNDERSTOOD GRIEVERS**

**Judie A. Bucholz**

A multi-perspective view of the happens to the people left be-hind after a murder

### **AFTERMATH, IN THE WAKE OF MURDER**

**Carrie Freitag**

An excellent resource for anyone wanting to understand murder bereavement as a professional or a friend.

### **TRANSCENDING**

**Howard Zehr**

Portraits and courageous stories of 39 victims of violent crime in Transcending: Reflections of Crime Victims. Many of these people were twice-wounded: once at the hands of an assailant; the second time by the courts, where there is no legal provision for a victim's participation.

### **FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE:**

#### **A TERRIBLE THING HAPPENED** (Grades k-3)

**Margaret Holmes**

A gentle story for children who have witnessed any kind of violent or traumatic event, including homicide.

#### **AFTER A MURDER: A WORKBOOK FOR GRIEVING KIDS** (Grades 1-8)

**The Dougy Center**

This hands-on workbook helps children learn that they are not alone and how other children have coped. Activities and word games normalize intense feelings and explain confusing actions of police, the media and the courts.

#### **THE BOY WHO SAT BY THE WINDOW: HELPING CHILDREN COPE WITH VIOLENCE**

**Chris Loftis** (Grades 1-5)

The story of a community's shock after a random drive-by shooting of a small boy, told through the eyes of a classmate.

#### **CHILDREN ARE SURVIVORS TOO: A GUIDEBOOK FOR YOUNG HOMICIDE SURVIVORS**

**Kathleen A. Aub** (Grades 1-8)

Twelve stories developed while working with young people who were survivors/witnesses of violent deaths.

#### **JUST ONE MORE TEAR** (Grades 3-6)

**K.L. Mahon**

The author, a 14-year old girl, created this short novel. Written in diary format, it covers a two-month period of time in the life of a 13-year old boy whose father is shot and killed in front of him.

#### **REACTIONS** (Grades 3-8)

**Alison Salloum**

A workbook to help young people understand common reactions to the experience of trauma and grief.

#### **WHEN SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS BEEN KILLED** (Grades 6-9)

**Jay Schleifer**

An exceptional resource that speaks directly to youth who are suffering trauma and grief.

## **List of books related to death for children and adolescents.**

**The Fall of Freddie the Leaf** (1982) by Leo Buscaglia (3-6 years)

**What Happened When Grandma Died** (1984) by Peggy Barker (3-8 years)

**When Dinosaurs Die: A Guide to Understanding Death** (1996) by Laurene Krasny Brown and Marc Brown (4-8 years)

**Lifetimes: The Beautiful Way to Explain Death to Children** (1983) by Bryan Mellonie and Robert Ingpen (3-6 years)

**The Kids Book About Death and Dying by and for Kids** (1985) by E.E. Rofes (4-8 years)

**The Magic Moth** (1972) by Virginia Lee (10-12 years)

**Beat the Turtle Drum** (1976) by Constance C. Greene (10-14 years)

**Bridge to Terabithia** (1977) by Katherine Paterson (10-14 years)

**Sunder** (1969) by W.H. Armstrong (12 to 18 years)

**Tiger Eyes** (1981) by Judy Blume (12-18 years)

**You Shouldn't Have to Say Goodbye** (1982) by P. Hermes (12-18 years)

**How It Feels When a Parent Dies** (1981) by Jill Krementz (8-16 years)

**Clover** (1990) by D. Saunders (12-18 years)

**Straight Talk about Death for Teenagers** (1993) by Earl A. Grollman (13-19 years)

**Badger's Parting Gifts** (1985) by S. Varley (4-12 years)

**Charlotte's Web** (1963) by E.B. White (4-12 years)

**I'll Always Love You** (1985) by H. Wilhelm (4-12 years)

**Am I Still a Sister?** (1986) by A. Sims (4-12 years)